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1. THE ACTING GDR OBSERVER AT THE UN, HUCKE, TELEPHONED
THE DEPARTMENT (CE DIRECTOR SUTTERLIN) AUGUST 17 TO STATE
THAT THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE
VISIT OF AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM ON OR ABOUT
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AUGUST 27. HUCKE ASKED FOR THE NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS

AND THEIR INTENDED ARRIVAL TIME IN BERLIN. SUTTERLIN UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE THE NAMES AND INDICATED THAT THE TEAM WOULD BE ARRIVING IN WEST BERLIN. HE ASKED HUCKE WITH WHOM THE TEAM SHOULD GET IN CONTACT ON THE GDR SIDE. HUCKE INDICATED THAT ONCE THE EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL IN EAST BERLIN WERE KNOWN ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO MEET TEAM MEMBERS AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE AND ESCORT THEM TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. SUTTERLIN INDICATED OUR EXPECTATION THAT VERY LITTLE PROTOCOL WOULD BE REQUIRED WITH WHICH HUCKE AGREED. THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HUCKE EARLY NEXT WEEK AND PROVIDE THE NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS WHILE INDICATING THERE MAY BE SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT ARISE. WE WILL GIVE HUCKE A PROPOSED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE ON AUGUST 27.

2. HUCKE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A GDR GROUP TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR SIMILAR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. SUCH A GROUP COULD BE EXPECTED EITHER IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER AS SOON AS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DETERMINED ITS NEEDS. HE ADDED THAT HIS MINISTRY, LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE HAD PROPOSED, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DETAILS CONCERNING SUBJECTS TO BE DEALT WITH SO THAT PREPARATIONS COULD GET UNDERWAY IN BERLIN IN ADVANCE. SUTTERLIN INDICATED THAT WE COULD BE IN TOUCH ON THIS DURING THE COMING WEEKS.

3. HUCKE WAS INFORMED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR WINZER TO APPLY FOR A VISA THROUGH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN MOSCOW AS OUTLINED IN STATE 161108. HUCKE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE SAME PROCEDURE WOULD APPLY TO WINZER'S DELEGATION. WHEN ASKED WHO WOULD BE IN THE DELEGATION, HUCKE SAID THAT WINZER WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DEPUTIES, FLORIN AND MOLDT, AND TWO AMBASSADORS WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN NAMED. HE SAID HE WOULD LET THE DEPARTMENT KNOW THEIR IDENTITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SUTTERLIN SAID THAT THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED APPLIED ONLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT THAT WE WOULD

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CONSIDER EXTENDING IT TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MINISTER'S IMMEDIATE ENTOURAGE. HUCKE WOULD BE INFORMED SUBSEQUENTLY ON THIS. HUCKE THEN ASKED IF THE PROCEDURE COULD NOT BE FOLLOWED BY ALL OFFICIALS WHO WOULD JOIN THE GDR REPRESENTATION IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA. SUTTERLIN REPLIED THAT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL ONE AND THAT REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE GDR OBSERVER MISSION AND DELEGATION SHOULD APPLY FOR VISAS

AS IN THE PAST IN BERLIN.

4. FOR MOSCOW: THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO EXTEND THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN STATE 161108 TO WINZER'S TWO DEPUTIES AND TO THE TWO AMBASSADORS WHO PRESUMABLY WILL BE THE OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION. MOSCOW IS ACCORDINGLY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THEM VISAS ON THE RECEIPT OF AN APPROPRIATE NOTE FROM THE GDR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK.

5. HUCKE MENTIONED IN CLOSING THAT HE HAD HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT IN NEW YORK AND HOPED THAT AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FOR SPECIAL FLIGHTS TO BRING MINISTER WINZER AND HIS PARTY TO NEW YORK. ROGERS

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